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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 DAISY ALVAREZ, individually and as
13 successor in interest to Ricardo
Andrade, deceased,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 CITY OF PASADENA; JOHN LEWY;
17 KALVIN BLAKE; TAYLOR
VINCENT; and DOES 1-7

18 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:25-cv-02490-MWF-PVC
**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR DAMAGES**

1. Unreasonable Search and Seizure—Excessive Force (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
2. Unreasonable Search and Seizure—Denial of Medical Care (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
3. Due Process—Interference with Familial Relationship (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
4. Municipal Liability – Inadequate Training (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
5. Municipal Liability – Unconstitutional Custom, Practice, or Policy (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
6. Battery (wrongful death and survival)
7. Negligence (wrongful death and survival)
8. Violation of Cal. Civil Code § 52.1

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 **FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

2 COMES NOW Plaintiff DAISY ALVAREZ, individually and as successor in
3 interest to Ricardo Andrade, deceased, for her Complaint against Defendants CITY
4 OF PASADENA, JOHN LEWY, KALVIN BLAKE, TAYLOR VINCENT, and
5 DOES 1-7 inclusive, and alleges as follows:

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7 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

8 1. This Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331
9 and 1343(a)(3)-(4) because Plaintiff asserts claims arising under the laws of the
10 United States including 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the Fourth and Fourteenth
11 Amendments of the United States Constitution. This Court has supplemental
12 jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims arising under state law pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
13 1367(a), because those claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part
14 of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.

15 2. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because
16 Defendants reside in this district and all incidents, events, and occurrences giving
17 rise to this action occurred in this district.

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19 **INTRODUCTION**

20 3. This civil rights and state tort action seeks compensatory and punitive
21 damages from Defendants for violating various rights under the United States
22 Constitution and state law in connection with the fatal officer-involved shooting of
23 Plaintiff's son, Ricardo Andrade ("DECEDENT"), on April 13, 2024.

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25 **PARTIES**

26 4. At all relevant times, DECEDENT was an individual residing in San
27 Fernando, California.

1 5. Plaintiff DAISY ALVAREZ (“ALVAREZ”) is an individual residing
2 in Sycamore, Illinois, and is the natural mother of DECEDENT. ALVAREZ sues in
3 her individual capacity as the mother of DECEDENT and also as a successor in
4 interest to DECEDENT. ALVAREZ seeks both survival and wrongful death
5 damages under federal and state law.

6 6. At all relevant times, Defendant CITY OF PASADENA (“CITY”) is
7 and was a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of California.
8 CITY is a chartered subdivision of the State of California with the capacity to be
9 sued. CITY is responsible for the actions, omissions, policies, procedures, practices,
10 and customs of its various agents and agencies, including the Pasadena Police
11 Department and its agents and employees. At all relevant times, Defendant CITY
12 was responsible for assuring that the actions, omissions, policies, procedures,
13 practices, and customs of the Pasadena Police Department and its employees and
14 agents complied with the laws of the United States and of the State of California. At
15 all relevant times, CITY was the employer of Defendants JOHN LEWY, KALVIN
16 BLAKE, TAYLOR VINCENT, and DOES 1-7.

17 7. Defendant JOHN LEWY (“LEWY”) is, and was at the time of this
18 incident, a police officer working for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
19 relevant times, LEWY was acting under color of law and within the course and
20 scope of his duties as a police officer for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
21 relevant times, LEWY was acting with the complete authority and ratification of his
22 principal, Defendant CITY. LEWY is one of the officers who, on April 13, 2024, at
23 approximately 9:12 p.m., in the rear yard of a residence located at or near the 700
24 block of Oak Knoll Circle, deployed a police K-9 against DECEDENT, fired lethal
25 shots at DECEDENT, and integrally participated in or failed to intervene in the uses
26 of force against DECEDENT.

1 8. Defendant KALVIN BLAKE (“BLAKE”) is, and was at the time of
2 this incident, a police officer working for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
3 relevant times, BLAKE was acting under color of law and within the course and
4 scope of his duties as a police officer for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
5 relevant times, BLAKE was acting with the complete authority and ratification of
6 his principal, Defendant CITY. BLAKE is one of the officers who, on April 13,
7 2024, at approximately 9:12 p.m., in the rear yard of a residence located at or near
8 the 700 block of Oak Knoll Circle, fired lethal shots at DECEDENT and integrally
9 participated in or failed to intervene in the uses of force against DECEDENT.

10 9. Defendant TAYLOR VINCENT (“VINCENT”) is, and was at the time
11 of this incident, a police officer working for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
12 relevant times, VINCENT was acting under color of law and within the course and
13 scope of his duties as a police officer for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
14 relevant times, VINCENT was acting with the complete authority and ratification of
15 his principal, Defendant CITY. VINCENT is one of the officers who, on April 13,
16 2024, at approximately 9:12 p.m., in the rear yard of a residence located at or near
17 the 700 block of Oak Knoll Circle, fired lethal shots at DECEDENT and integrally
18 participated in or failed to intervene in the uses of force against DECEDENT.

19 10. Defendants DOES 1-5 (“OFFICER DOES”) are, and were at the time
20 of this incident, police officers working for the Pasadena Police Department. At all
21 relevant times, OFFICER DOES were acting under color of law and within the
22 course and scope of their duties as police officers for the Pasadena Police
23 Department. At all relevant times, OFFICER DOES were acting with the complete
24 authority and ratification of their principal, Defendant CITY. OFFICER DOES are
25 the officers who, on April 13, 2024, at approximately 9:12 p.m., in the rear yard of a
26 residence located at or near the 700 block of Oak Knoll Circle, used force against
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1 DECEDENT and/or integrally participated in or failed to intervene in the uses of
2 force against DECEDENT.

3 11. Defendants DOES 6-7 are, and were at the time of this incident,
4 managerial, supervisory, and policymaking employees of the Pasadena Police
5 Department, who were acting under color of law within the course and scope of
6 their duties as managerial, supervisory, and policymaking employees for the
7 Pasadena Police Department. At all relevant times, DOES 6-7 were acting with the
8 complete authority and ratification of their principal, Defendant CITY.

9 12. On information and belief, LEWY, BLAKE, VINCENT, and DOES 1-
10 5 (collectively "DEFENDANT OFFICERS") were residents of the CITY of
11 Pasadena.

12 13. In doing the acts and failing and omitting to act as hereinafter
13 described, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS were acting on the implied and actual
14 permission and consent of Defendants DOES 6-7 and the CITY.

15 14. In doing the acts and failing and omitting to act as hereinafter
16 described, DEFENDANT OFFICERS and DOES 6-7 were acting on the implied
17 and actual permission and consent of the CITY.

18 15. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate,
19 association or otherwise of Defendants DOES 1-7, inclusive, are unknown to
20 Plaintiff, who otherwise sue these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff
21 will seek leave to amend this complaint to show the true names and capacity of
22 these Defendants when they have been ascertained. Each of the fictitiously named
23 Defendants are responsible in some manner for the conduct or liabilities alleged
24 herein.

25 16. At all times mentioned herein, each and every defendant was the agent
26 of each and every other defendant and had the legal duty to oversee and supervise
27 the hiring, conduct, and employment of each and every defendant.
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1 17. All of the acts complained of herein by Plaintiff against Defendants
2 were done and performed by said Defendants by and through their authorized
3 agents, servants, and/or employees, all of whom at all relevant times herein were
4 acting within the course, purpose, and scope of said agency, service, and/or
5 employment capacity. Moreover, Defendants and their agents ratified all of the acts
6 complained of herein.

7 18. DEFENDANT OFFICERS are sued in their individual capacity.
8 “DEFENDANT OFFICERS” includes DOES 1-5, LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT.

9 19. On or around August 23, 2024, Plaintiff filed a comprehensive and
10 timely claim for damages with the City of Pasadena pursuant to applicable sections
11 of the California Government Code. The claim was rejected on September 30,
12 2024. Plaintiff has complied with the requirements of the Government Code for the
13 timely filing of formal claims with the City of Pasadena.

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15 **FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

16 20. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
17 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
18 herein.

19 21. On April 13, 2024, LEWY and BLAKE contacted DECEDENT when
20 DECEDENT was in his vehicle, a white pick-up truck. During this contact,
21 DECEDENT drove away in his vehicle. LEWY AND BLAKE pursued
22 DECEDENT in their patrol vehicles. The vehicle pursuit ended when
23 DECEDENT’s vehicle collided with an unoccupied vehicle parked in the front yard
24 of a residence. DECEDENT exited his vehicle and ran into the backyard of the
25 residence located in the 800 block of Arden Road. Additional CITY officers
26 responded and set up a containment perimeter. LEWY deployed a police K-9 on
27 DECEDENT. The police K-9 bit DECEDENT, and DECEDENT cried out in pain.

1 When the police K-9 was biting DECEDENT, multiple CITY officers, including
2 DEFENDANT OFFICERS, were on scene. LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT had
3 their weapons pointed at DECEDENT. When DECEDENT was on the ground,
4 being bitten by the police K-9 and crying out in pain, LEWY, BLAKE, and
5 VINCENT fired multiple shots at DECEDENT. DECEDENT was struck by shots.

6 22. As a result of the shooting, DEECEDENT died and lost his earning
7 capacity. Prior to his death, DECEDENT suffered pain from the K-9 deployment
8 and the gunshot wounds.

9 23. On information and belief, DECEDENT never pointed a weapon at any
10 officer and never verbally threatened to harm any officer. DECEDENT posed no
11 immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury during this incident, and the
12 DEFENDANT OFFICERS had other reasonable alternative measures other than
13 shooting. Further, on information and belief, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS did not
14 give DECEDENT appropriate commands or an adequate verbal warning that deadly
15 force would be used prior to shooting. Therefore, the shooting, was excessive,
16 unreasonable, unjustified, inappropriate, and contrary to basic police training.

17 24. Prior to the shooting, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS engaged in pre-
18 shooting negligent tactics.

19 25. Plaintiff is DECEDENT's successor in interest as defined in Section
20 377.11 of the California Code of Civil Procedure and each succeed to
21 DECEDENT's interest in this action as the natural mother of DECEDENT.

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23 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

24 **Unreasonable Search and Seizure—Excessive Force (42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

25 (Against the DEFENDANT OFFICERS)

26 26. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
27 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
28 herein.

1 27. On April 13, 2024, LEWY and BLAKE contacted DECEDENT when
2 DECEDENT was in his vehicle, a white pick-up truck. During this contact,
3 DECEDENT drove away in his vehicle. LEWY and BLAKE pursued DECEDENT
4 in their vehicles. The vehicle pursuit ended when DECEDENT's vehicle collided
5 with an unoccupied vehicle parked in the front yard of a residence. DECEDENT
6 exited his vehicle and ran into the backyard of the residence. Additional CITY
7 officers responded and set up a containment perimeter. LEWY deployed a police K-
8 9 on DECEDENT. The police K-9 bit DECEDENT, and DECEDENT cried out in
9 pain. When the police K-9 was biting DECEDENT, multiple CITY officers,
10 including DEFENDANT OFFICERS, were on scene. LEWY, BLAKE, and
11 VINCENT had their weapons pointed at DECEDENT. When DECEDENT was on
12 the ground, being bitten by the police K-9 and crying out in pain, LEWY, BLAKE,
13 and VINCENT fired multiple shots at DECEDENT.

14 28. On information and belief, DECEDENT never pointed a weapon at any
15 officer and never verbally threatened to harm any officer. DECEDENT posed no
16 immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury during this incident. Therefore,
17 the shooting, police K-9 deployment, and other uses of force were excessive,
18 unreasonable, unjustified, inappropriate, and contrary to basic police training.

19 29. As a result of the shooting, DECEDENT died and lost his earning
20 capacity. Prior to his death, DECEDENT suffered pain from the K-9 deployment
21 and the gunshots.

22 30. LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT'S unjustified shooting and
23 unjustified deployment of the K-9 against DECEDENT, along with other
24 undiscovered uses of force, deprived DECEDENT of his right to be secure in his
25 person against unreasonable searches and seizures as guaranteed to him under the
26 Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and applied to state actors by
27 the Fourteenth Amendment.
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1 31. As a result of their misconduct, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS,
2 including LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT are liable for DECEDENT's injuries,
3 either because they were integral participants in the uses of excessive force, or
4 because they failed to intervene to prevent these violations.

5 32. The conduct of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS was willful, wanton,
6 malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of
7 DECEDENT, and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive
8 damages as to the DEFENDANT OFFICERS .

9 33. As a result of the foregoing, DECEDENT suffered great physical pain
10 and emotional distress up to the time of his death after the shooting, loss of
11 enjoyment of life, loss of life, and loss of earning capacity. Plaintiff brings this
12 claim as a successor in interest to DECEDENT, and seeks survival damages for the
13 violation of DECEDENT's rights. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees and costs
14 under this claim.

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16 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

17 **Unreasonable Search and Seizure—Denial of Medical Care (42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

18 (Against the DEFENDANT OFFICERS)

19 34. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
20 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
21 herein.

22 35. After being bitten by the police K-9 and shot by lethal rounds,
23 DECEDENT was immobile, bleeding profusely, and in obvious and critical need of
24 emergency medical care and treatment. Defendants did not timely summon medical
25 care or permit medical personnel to treat DECEDENT. The delay of medical care to
26 DECEDENT caused DECEDENT extreme physical and emotional pain and
27 suffering and was a contributing cause of DECEDENT's death.

1 36. The denial of medical care by the defendant officers deprived
2 DECEDENT of his right to be secure in his person against unreasonable searches
3 and seizures as guaranteed to him under the Fourth Amendment to the United States
4 Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth Amendment.

5 37. DEFENDANT OFFICERS knew that failure to provide timely medical
6 treatment to DECEDENT could result in further significant injury or the
7 unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain, but disregarded that serious medical
8 need, causing DECEDENT great bodily harm and death.

9 38. The conduct of DEFENDANT OFFICERS was willful, wanton,
10 malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of DECEDENT
11 and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages as to
12 DEFENDANT OFFICERS.

13 39. As a result of their misconduct, DEFENDANT OFFICERS, including
14 LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT are liable for DECEDENT's injuries, either
15 because they were integral participants in the denial of medical care, or because they
16 failed to intervene to prevent these violations.

17 40. As a result of the foregoing, DECEDENT suffered great physical pain
18 and emotional distress up to the time of his death, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of
19 life, and loss of earning capacity. Plaintiff brings this claim as a successor in
20 interest to DECEDENT, and seeks survival damages for the violation of
21 DECEDENT's rights. Plaintiff further seeks attorney's fees and costs under this
22 claim.
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THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Due Process—Interference with Familial Relationship (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

(Against DEFENDANT OFFICERS)

41. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

42. Plaintiff had a cognizable interest under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution to be free from state actions that deprive her of life, liberty, or property in such a manner as to shock the conscience, including but not limited to unwarranted state interference in Plaintiff's familial relationship with her son, DECEDENT.

43. The aforementioned actions of DEFENDANT OFFICERS, including deploying the police K-9 and shooting him with a lethal firearm, and denying him medical care, along with other undiscovered conduct, shock the conscience, in that they acted with deliberate indifference to the constitutional rights of DECEDENT and Plaintiff, and with purpose to harm unrelated to any legitimate law enforcement objective.

44. DEFENDANT OFFICERS thus violated the substantive due process rights of Plaintiff to be free from unwarranted interference with her familial relationship with DECEDENT, her son.

45. As a direct and proximate cause of the acts of DEFENDANT OFFICERS, Plaintiff suffered emotional distress, mental anguish, and pain. Plaintiff has also been deprived of the life-long love, companionship, comfort, support, society, care, and sustenance of DECEDENT, and will continue to be so deprived for the remainder of her natural life.

46. The conduct of DEFENDANT OFFICERS was willful, wanton, malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of DECEDENT

1 and Plaintiff, and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive
2 damages as to DEFENDANT OFFICERS, including LEWY, BLAKE, and
3 VINCENT.

4 47. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and seeks wrongful death
5 damages under this claim for the interference with her familial relationship with
6 DECEDENT. Plaintiff seeks attorney's fees and costs under this claim.

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8 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

9 **Municipal Liability – Failure to Train (42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

10 (Against Defendants CITY and DOES 6-7)

11 48. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
12 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
13 herein.

14 49. DEFENDANT OFFICERS acted under color of law.

15 50. The acts of DEFENDANT OFFICERS deprived DECEDENT and
16 Plaintiff of their particular rights under the United States Constitution.

17 51. The training policies of Defendant CITY were not adequate to train its
18 police officers to handle the usual and recurring situations with which they must
19 deal.

20 52. Defendant CITY was deliberately indifferent to the obvious
21 consequences of its failure to train its police officers adequately.

22 53. The failure of Defendant CITY to provide adequate training caused the
23 deprivation of DECEDENT's rights by DEFENDANT OFFICERS; that is, the
24 supervisory and municipal defendants' failures to train is so closely related to the
25 deprivation of DECEDENT's rights as to be the moving force that caused the
26 ultimate injury.

54. By reason of the aforementioned acts and omissions, Plaintiff has suffered loss of the love, companionship, affection, comfort, care, society, training, guidance, and past and future support of DECEDENT. The aforementioned acts and omissions also caused DECEDENT's pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and death.

55. Accordingly, Defendants CITY and DOES 6-7 each are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

56. Plaintiff brings this claim as a successor in interest to DECEDENT and seeks both survival and wrongful death damages under this claim. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees and costs under this claim.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Municipal Liability – Unconstitutional Custom or Policy (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

(Against Defendants CITY and DOES 6-7)

57. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

58. DEFENDANT OFFICERS acted under color of law.

59. DEFENDANT OFFICERS acted pursuant to an expressly adopted official policy or a longstanding practice or custom of Defendant CITY.

60. On information and belief, DEFENDANT OFFICERS were not disciplined, reprimanded, retrained, suspended, or otherwise penalized in connection with the unlawful detention and arrest of DECEDENT, the uses of force against DECEDENT, the denial of medical care to DECEDENT, or DECEDENT's death.

61. Defendants DOES 6-7, together with other CITY policymakers and supervisors maintained, inter alia, the following unconstitutional customs, practices, and policies:

- (a) Using excessive force, including excessive use of deadly force and excessive use of less-lethal force;
- (b) Providing inadequate training regarding the use of deadly force;
- (c) Making unlawful detentions and arrests;
- (d) Employing and retaining as police officers individuals such as DEFENDANT OFFICERS, whom Defendant CITY at all times material herein knew or reasonably should have known had dangerous propensities for abusing their authority and for using excessive force;
- (e) Inadequately supervising, training, controlling, assigning, and disciplining CITY police officers, including DEFENDANT OFFICERS, whom Defendant CITY knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known had the aforementioned propensities and character traits;
- (f) Maintaining grossly inadequate procedures for reporting, supervising, investigating, reviewing, disciplining and controlling misconduct by CITY police officers;
- (g) Failing to adequately discipline CITY police officers, respectively, for the above-referenced categories of misconduct, including “slaps on the wrist,” discipline that is so slight as to be out of proportion to the magnitude of the misconduct, and other inadequate discipline that is tantamount to encouraging misconduct;
- (h) Announcing that unjustified shootings are “within policy,” including shootings that were later determined in court to be unconstitutional;

- 1 (i) Even where shootings are determined in court to be
- 2 unconstitutional, refusing to discipline, terminate, or retrain the
- 3 officers/deputies involved;
- 4 (j) Encouraging, accommodating, or facilitating a “blue code of
- 5 silence,” “blue shield,” “blue wall,” “blue curtain,” “blue veil,”
- 6 or simply “code of silence,” pursuant to which police officers do
- 7 not report other officers’ errors, misconduct, or crimes. Pursuant
- 8 to this code of silence, if questioned about an incident of
- 9 misconduct involving another officer, while following the code,
- 10 the officer being questioned will claim ignorance of the other
- 11 officers’ wrongdoing; and
- 12 (k) Maintaining a policy of inaction and an attitude of indifference
- 13 towards soaring numbers of police shootings and other uses of
- 14 force.

15 62. By reason of the aforementioned acts and omissions, Plaintiff has
16 suffered loss of the love, companionship, affection, comfort, care, society, training,
17 guidance, and past and future support of DECEDENT. The aforementioned acts and
18 omissions also caused DECEDENT’s pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life,
19 and death.

20 63. Defendants CITY and DOES 6-7, together with various other officials,
21 whether named or unnamed, had either actual or constructive knowledge of the
22 deficient policies, practices and customs alleged in the paragraphs above. Despite
23 having knowledge as stated above, these defendants condoned, tolerated and
24 through actions and inactions thereby ratified such policies. Said defendants also
25 acted with deliberate indifference to the foreseeable effects and consequences of
26 these policies with respect to the constitutional rights of DECEDENT, Plaintiff, and
27 other individuals similarly situated.

1 64. By perpetrating, sanctioning, tolerating and ratifying the outrageous
2 conduct and other wrongful acts, CITY and DOES 6-7, acted with intentional,
3 reckless, and callous disregard for the life of DECEDENT and for DECEDENT's
4 and Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Furthermore, the policies, practices, and
5 customs implemented, maintained, and still tolerated by Defendants CITY and
6 DOES 6-7, were affirmatively linked to and were a significantly influential force
7 behind the injuries of DECEDENT and Plaintiff.

8 65. Accordingly, Defendants CITY and DOES 6-7, each are liable to
9 Plaintiff for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

10 66. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and as successor in interest to
11 DECEDENT and seeks both survival and wrongful death damages under this claim.
12 Plaintiff seeks attorney's fees and costs under this claim.

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14 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 **Battery** (wrongful death and survival claim)

16 (Against Defendants CITY and the DEFENDANT OFFICERS)

17 67. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
18 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
19 herein.

20 68. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the DEFENDANT
21 OFFICERS, including LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT, as alleged above,
22 DECEDENT sustained injuries, died from his injuries and also lost his earning
23 capacity. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the DEFENDANT
24 OFFICERS, including LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT as alleged above,
25 DECEDENT suffered survival damages pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure
26 Section 377.34.

1 69. At all relevant times, the DEFENDANT OFFICERS, including
2 LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT were working as police officers for the City of
3 Pasadena Police Department and were acting within the course and scope of their
4 duties as police officers for the CITY, and are liable pursuant to section 820(a) of
5 the California Government Code.

6 70. Defendant CITY is vicariously liable for the wrongful acts of the
7 DEFENDANT OFFICERS, including LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT pursuant to
8 section 815.2(a) of the California Government Code, which provides that a public
9 entity is liable for the injuries caused by its employees within the scope of the
10 employment if the employee's act would subject him or her to liability.

11 71. The conduct of the DEFENDANT OFFICERS, including LEWY,
12 BLAKE, and VINCENT was malicious, wanton, oppressive, and accomplished with
13 a conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and DECEDENT, entitling Plaintiff,
14 individually and as the successor in interest to DECEDENT, to an award of
15 exemplary and punitive damages as to Defendants the DEFENDANT OFFICERS,
16 including LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT.

17 72. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and as a successor in interest to
18 DECEDENT, and seeks both survival damages and wrongful death damages under
19 this claim.

20 **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

21 **Negligence** (wrongful death and survival claim)

22 (Against all Defendants)

23 73. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
24 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
25 herein.

26 74. Police officers, including LEWY, BLAKE, and VINCENT have a duty
27 to use reasonable care to prevent harm or injury to others. This duty includes only
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1 making lawful detentions and arrests, using appropriate tactics, giving appropriate
2 commands, giving warnings, and not using any force unless necessary, using less
3 than lethal options, and only using deadly force as a last resort.

4 75. DEFENDANT OFFICERS breached this duty of care. The actions and
5 inactions of DEFENDANT OFFICERS were negligent and reckless, including but
6 not limited to:

- 7 (a) the failure to properly and adequately assess the need to use
8 force against DECEDENT, and negligent deployment of the K-9
9 and negligent use of deadly force;
- 10 (b) the negligent tactics and handling of the situation with
11 DECEDENT, including pre-shooting negligence;
- 12 (c) the negligent use of force, including deadly force, against
13 DECEDENT;
- 14 (d) the failure to provide prompt medical care to DECEDENT after
15 the shooting;
- 16 (e) the failure to properly train and supervise employees, both
17 professional and non-professional, including DEFENDANT
18 OFFICERS; and
- 19 (f) the negligent communication of information during the incident.

20 76. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct as alleged
21 above, and other undiscovered negligent conduct, DECEDENT was caused to suffer
22 severe pain and suffering and ultimately died. Also, as a direct and proximate result
23 of Defendants' conduct as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress
24 and mental anguish. Plaintiff also has been deprived of the life-long love,
25 companionship, comfort, support, society, care and sustenance of DECEDENT, and
26 will continue to be so deprived for the remainder of her natural life.
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1 77. At all relevant times, DEFENDANT OFFICERS were working as
2 police officers for the City of Pasadena Police Department and were acting within
3 the course and scope of their duties as police officers for the CITY, and are liable
4 pursuant to section 820(a) of the California Government Code.

5 78. Defendant CITY is vicariously liable for the wrongful acts of
6 DEFENDANT OFFICERS pursuant to section 815.2(a) of the California
7 Government Code, which provides that a public entity is liable for the injuries
8 caused by its employees within the scope of the employment if the employee's act
9 would subject him or her to liability.

10 79. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and as a successor in interest to
11 DECEDENT, and seeks both wrongful death and survival damages under this claim.

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13 **EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

14 **(Violation of Cal. Civil Code § 52.1)**

15 (Against all Defendants)

16 80. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in the prior
17 paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth
18 herein.

19 81. California Civil Code, Section 52.1 (the Bane Act), prohibits any
20 person from using violent acts or threatening to commit violent acts in retaliation
21 against any person for exercising that person's constitutional rights, which can be
22 shown by a reckless disregard for that person's civil rights. DEFENDANT
23 OFFICERS intended to interfere with DECEDENT's constitutional rights, did
24 successfully interfere with DECEDENT's constitutional rights, and also acted with
25 reckless disregard for DECEDENT's constitutional rights.

26 82. DEFENDANT OFFICERS intentionally committed and attempted to
27 commit acts of violence against DECEDENT.
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1 83. On information and belief, Defendants intentionally committed the
2 above acts to discourage DECEDENT from exercising his civil rights, to retaliate
3 against him for invoking such rights, or to prevent him from exercising such rights,
4 which he was fully entitled to enjoy.

5 84. On information and belief, DECEDENT reasonably believed and
6 understood that the violent acts committed by DEFENDANT OFFICERS were
7 intended to discourage him from exercising his constitutional rights, to retaliate
8 against him for invoking such rights, or to prevent him from exercising such rights.

9 85. The conduct of DEFENDANT OFFICERS was a substantial factor in
10 causing DECEDENT's and Plaintiff's harms, losses, injuries, and damages.

11 86. At all relevant times, DEFENDANT OFFICERS were working as
12 police officers for the City of Pasadena Police Department and were acting within
13 the course and scope of their duties as police officers for the CITY, and are liable
14 pursuant to section 820(a) of the California Government Code.

15 87. Defendant CITY is vicariously liable for the wrongful acts of
16 DEFENDANT OFFICERS pursuant to section 815.2(a) of the California
17 Government Code, which provides that a public entity is liable for the injuries
18 caused by its employees within the scope of the employment if the employee's act
19 would subject him or her to liability.

20 88. The conduct of Defendants was malicious, wanton, oppressive, and
21 accomplished with a conscious disregard for DECEDENT's and Plaintiff's rights,
22 justifying an award of exemplary and punitive damages as to DEFENDANT
23 OFFICERS.

24 89. Plaintiff brings this claim as a successor in interest to DECEDENT, and
25 seeks both wrongful death and survival damages under this claim. Plaintiff seeks
26 attorney's fees and costs under this claim pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §52.1.
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff DAISY ALVAREZ requests entry of judgment in their favor and against Defendants CITY OF PASADENA, LEWY, BLAKE, VINCENT and DOES 1-6 as follows:

- A. For compensatory damages, including both survival damages and wrongful death damages under federal and state law, in the amount to be proven at trial;
- B. For funeral and burial expenses, and loss of financial support;
- C. For punitive damages against the individual defendants in an amount to be proven at trial;
- D. For interest;
- E. For reasonable attorneys' fees, including litigation expenses;
- F. For costs of suit; and
- G. For such further other relief as the Court may deem just, proper, and appropriate.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff DAISY ALVAREZ hereby demands a trial by jury.

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